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FOLLOWING REPEAT SECSTATE 236675 ACTION ACCRA ALGIERS
BAMAKO BELGRADE BRASILIA CANBERRA CONAKRY DAKAR FREETOWN
GEORGETOWN JAKARTA KINGSTON INFO BONN THE HAGUE LONDON
OTTAWA OSLO PARIS TOKYO MONROVIA PARAMARIBO PORT AU
PRINCE SANTO DOMINGO YAOUNDE 26 OCTOBER 1974. QUOTE:

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REF: CONAKRY 342; CONAKRY 348; CONAKRY 356

SUBJECT: NOVEMBER 4-8 MEETING OF INTERNATIONAL BAUXITE
ASSOCIATION -

1. FIRST MEETING OF INTERNATIONAL BAUXITE ASSOCIATION (IBA)
FOLLOWING RATIFICATION OF MARCH AGREEMENT WILL BE HELD
NOVEMBER 4-8 AT GEORGETOWN, GUYANA. SEVEN BAUXITE PRODUCERS
(AUSTRALIA, GUINEA, GUYANA, JAMAICA, SIERRA LEONE, SURINAM,
AND YUGOSLAVIA) ESTABLISHED THE IBA AT CONAKRY, GUINEA,
IN MARCH 1974; ALGERIA, CAMEROON, GHANA, AND MALI SENT
DELEGATIONS AS OBSERVERS. PRINCIPAL RESULTS OF CONAKRY
MEETING WERE REPORTED IN REFTELS.

2. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO POSTS
IN IBA MEMBER COUNTRIES ON THE LEVEL AND COMPOSITION OF
DELEGATIONS TO THE NOVEMBER MEETING, ISSUES TO BE BROUGHT
BEFORE THE IBA, POSITIONS THE HOST GOVERNMENTS WILL TAKE,
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VIEWS OF HOST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ON WHAT THE MEETING

MIGHT ACCOMPLISH (AT YOUR DISCRETION), AND YOUR OWN INSIGHTS.

3. REQUEST THAT ACTION ADDRESSES IN NON-MEMBER BAUXITE PRODUCING COUNTRIES GIVE US THEIR BEST JUDGMENT ON HOST GOVERNMENT INTEREST IN JOINING IBA OR ATTENDING AS OBSERVER. IN ANY CONTACTS WITH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, WE SUGGEST CARE NOT TO AROUSE MORE INTEREST THAN ALREADY EXISTS. IF APPRECIABLE INTEREST EXISTS, PLEASE REPORT AS APPROPRIATE ALONG LINES OF PARA 2.

4. IF ACTION ADDRESSES ARE AWARE OF ANY NEGOTIATIONS IN PROGRESS BETWEEN HOST GOVERNMENTS AND BAUXITE/ALUMINUM COMPANIES, OF WHICH DEPARTMENT IS NOT YET INFORMED, PLEASE BRING US UP TO DATE.

5. FOR SANTO DOMINGO: DO YOU EXPECT PROGRESS BEYOND THAT REPORTED IN STATE 226627 AND SANTO DOMINGO 4310 PRIOR TO IBA MEETING?

6. WE NOTE THAT DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER CAIRNS, WHO WILL HEAD AUSTRALIAN DELEGATION TO IBA, WILL BE IN WASHINGTON NOVEMBER 12-13 TO CONFER WITH SENIOR USG OFFICIALS. BAUXITE AND THE IBA WILL BE AMONG THE TOPICS COVERED IN THESE MEETINGS.

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